

TITLE 25. HEALTH SERVICES

PART 11. CANCER PREVENTION AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

CHAPTER 703. GRANTS FOR CANCER PREVENTION AND RESEARCH

§703.20. Certification of Tobacco-Free Policy for Entities Receiving CPRIT Funds

- (a) The following words and terms, when used in this section, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
 - (1) “CPRIT-funded entity” means an institution, organization or company that receives grant funding from CPRIT equal to or more than \$25,000 during the applicable fiscal year. All references to the CPRIT funded-entity include the entity’s faculty, staff, employees, and students.
 - (2) “Tobacco” means all forms of tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco.
- (b) To be eligible to receive CPRIT funding, a CPRIT-funded entity shall certify that the entity has adopted and enforces Tobacco-free workplace policy.
- (c) A Tobacco-free workplace policy will comply with the certification required by this section if the policy is adopted by the CPRIT-funded entity’s board of directors, governing body, or similar, and at a minimum, includes provisions:
 - (1) Prohibiting the use of all Tobacco products by all employees and visitors to the property owned, operated, leased, occupied, or controlled by the CPRIT-funded entity. For purposes of the Tobacco-free workplace policy, the CPRIT-funded entity may designate the property to which the policy applies, so long as the workplace policy encompasses all buildings and structures where the CPRIT project is taking place as well as the sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, and attached parking structures immediately adjacent, but only to the extent the CPRIT-funded entity owns, leases or controls the building, sidewalks, parking lots and parking structures.
 - (2) Providing for and/or referring to Tobacco use cessation services for employees.

- (d) Exceptions – Upon request by a CPRIT-funded entity, the CPRIT executive director may grant a waiver of compliance with this section. If granted, the waiver is effective only for the fiscal year during which it was granted.
- (e) Provisions in this section apply to all grant proposals submitted to the Institute in response to a request for proposals issued by the Institute on or after March 1, 2012. All other CPRIT-funded entities must certify compliance with this rule by August 31, 2012 or the first anniversary of the CPRIT-funded entity's grant award, whichever is later.